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SUBJECT: Provincial Taxation

The Canadian Wine Institute, an association composed of Ontario wine producers, submits for the consideration of your committee that new sources of revenue, if required by the Province, should not be levied against specific industries.

In the case of the Ontario wine industry, it should be mentioned that this industry is already subject to a special Provincial tax on the direct retail sales of its members and a substantial tax on its sales through the Liquor Control Board stores to cover the costs of their handling Ontario wines.

By Ontario legislation, Ontario wines must be produced from Ontario grapes and therefore, the main outlet for the grape growing industry in the province is the Ontario wine industry which purchases annually between sixty and seventy per cent of all grapes produced in the Province.

Ontario wineries must purchase Ontario grapes under the authority of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Act at prices established under the authority of the Act and any further direct taxation on the products

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